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Display and Management

Examiner: Keaton, Sherrod L.

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APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

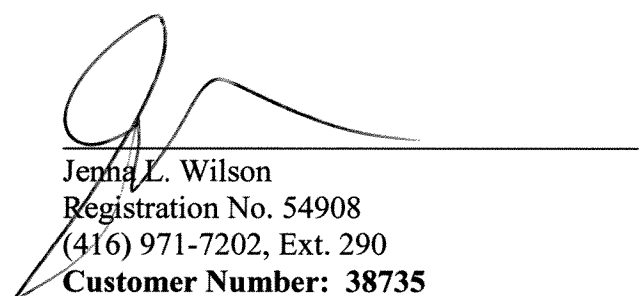
During the interview held June 11, 2009, the Applicant submitted remarks concerning the following:

- Claim 1, as amended, provides that the "ordered listing of message body fragments" is "from each of said retrieved messages", which are taken from "each of the plurality of message stores". The ordered listing therefore comprises more than one "message body fragment".
- The prior art references do not disclose the display of such an "ordered listing"; for example, Keyworth (see figures) and deCarmo (see paragraphs [0044]-[0045]) may only display content from one message at a time; Schmidt (see figures) does not display message content in a listing.
- Dependent claim 9 recites an additional limitation that the ordered listing includes messages from a user of the communications device, which is not disclosed in the prior art references.
- Schmidt and Keyworth, the primary references relied on in the 103(a) rejections, are not

properly combinable. Schmidt discloses a server-based system in which messages are received and stored at a UMS server (Schmidt, col. 5, lines 38-40) and processed at the server (Schmidt, col. 6, line 40ff); the user must log into the server in order to view messages (col. 7, line 29ff). Keyworth discloses a system operating on the user's own device, e.g. a personal computer. The skilled worker would not combine these teachings because messages would be stored at both locations, leading to confusion. In addition, the "real-time" promise of Keyworth (see remarks submitted with RCE) would be defeated because user must log into Schmidt's server to obtain messages processed there.

The foregoing points, and the references to the prior art documents indicated above, were presented by the undersigned during the interview. While no agreement was reached during the interview, the Applicant and the Examiner left open the possibility of coming to an agreement in future.

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